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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF A FLUID ON A TEST STRIP, the specification of which is attached hereto.

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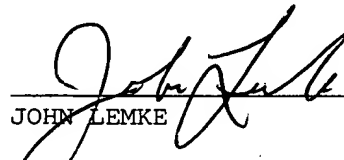

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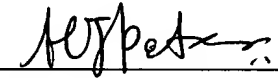
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Sir:

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As applicants are filing this Disclosure Statement at the time of filing the application, no fee is required.

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